

amount of about Rs. 53 crores can be classified as expenditure not covered under the SSA guidelines. Under mid-day meal scheme, no misuse of funds has been reported.

(c) The States/UTs have already been strictly instructed to avoid recurrence of such instances in future. Government of India is monitoring the use of SSA funds through annual State/UT audits, independent concurrent financial reviews and field monitoring through 41 social science institutions. In cases of diversion of funds the Government of India has directed States to recoup the inadmissible expenditure to the State SSA programmes.

(d) and (e) The monitoring systems of the SSA *inter alia*, do collect data from districts for various aspects of the programme.

Disaster preparedness in school curriculum

2765. SHRI K.P.K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposed to change the school curriculum by including 'disaster preparedness' giving necessary training to students and also to make it a compulsory subject; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), has introduced topics on disaster management as a part of curriculum in Social Science subjects for class VIII from the academic session 2003-04 and extended it upto class X in subsequent years. It was also extended to class XI and part of syllabus in Geography and Sociology from the academic session 2005-06. Social Science is a compulsory subject for all students at the secondary level. Disaster preparedness has been included as an integral component of the new Social Sciences and Science textbooks of NCERT, based on the National Curriculum Framework 2005.

Gandhian Chairs in the universities

2766. SHRI K.P.K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: